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1. On 20 January 1953, 30 new, [redacted] trucks stood at the Weimar railroad station. An empty train of 30 converted boxcars was side-tracked there on 26 and 27 January. On 27 January, 10 trucks with about 180 soldiers with luggage and wearing black-bordered black epaulets and blue-bordered black epaulets drove toward Jena. [redacted]

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2. [redacted] and about 60 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and including some with tank insignia were unloaded at the Ohrdruf railroad station. According to the bill of lading, the shipment came from Jena. The vehicles left toward Ohrdruf. Several empty trains of flatcars and boxcars stood at the station.

3. Prior to 27 January, the Kindel troop training grounds was still occupied by a guard unit of about 200 troops. No training activity was noticed. Trucks [redacted] and jeep [redacted] belonged to the guard unit.

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4. At 4 p.m. on 24 January, a troop train with 21 JS tanks, 8 AA guns, about 20 trucks and soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets stood at the Elsterwerda railroad station, headed toward Berlin.

5. On 30 January, a boxcarload of empty barrels [redacted] was loaded for shipment to Luebbenau at the Dallgow railroad station. The barrels had been brought to the station on trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] On 1 February, Unit Opazin was loaded onto 20 flatcars, 9 converted boxcars and 3 boxcars at the Dallgow railroad station for shipment to Forest Zinna. The train left the station [redacted] It carried about 180 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets, 13 x 57-mm AT guns and about 18 trucks [redacted] were identified on the train.

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1. [redacted] Comment. The 91st Sig Regt (US) of the Eighth Gds Army is carried in the Nachrichtenkasernen, Weimar. [redacted]

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[redacted] It is assumed that units from the installation were absent from the post to perform construction work also in early January. [redacted]

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2. [redacted] Comment. The motor vehicles belong to the 20th Gds Mecz Div from Jena. [redacted] another shipment went from Jena to Grawinkel on 18 January. [redacted] The information refers to the transfer since January 1953 of units to several troop training grounds for several-day firing practices.

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3. [redacted] Comment. Transfer to Kindel of units have also not yet been reported [redacted]

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5. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] an AT unit ready for loading on 1 February. [redacted] It is probable that the unit transferred to the Jueterbog troop training grounds for short-term firing practices. [redacted] confirms the Hq 1st Mecz Div in Doeberitz until 30 January 1953.

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